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Human resources management

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda items 111 and 118 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/57/603.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the question of gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities under items 111 and 118 at its 39th, 40th and 56th meetings, on 3 and 4 March and 4 June 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.39, 40 and 56).

3. For its further consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the annual report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 (A/57/721) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/735).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.65

4. At the 56th meeting, on 4 June, the representative of Romania, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on the question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities" (A/C.5/57/L.65).

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.65 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/234 of 26 June 1998, 53/11 of 26 October 1998, 53/218 of 7 April 1999 and 57/281 of 20 December 2002 and its decision 55/462 of 12 April 2001,

Having considered the annual report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities, covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002;[1]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide in subsequent reports, on a biennial basis, information on the use of gratis personnel, indicating, inter alia, their nationality and duration of service, department where employed and functions performed.

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[1] A/57/721.
[2] A/57/735.